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Ms. Diana Lopez
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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Ms. Lopez:

You sent via email a Freedom of Information request to the attention of Michelle Brandenburg, who is a secretary in the County's Human Resources Department. Ms. Brandenburg was out of her office and just recently returned. Your letter was then forwarded to the undersigned on September 7, 2011 which was the day it was officially received by the County.

In response to your request, if in fact any County employees have salaries in excess of \$150,000 we will provide that to you, as well as information concerning their benefits. We may not be able to put an actual monetary value on those benefits since much of our healthcare is self-insured, etc.

It will take us some time to get an exact count on cell phones, but we can provide that information to you.

With regard to your request, as you describe it, County "personal" cars, I would need further clarification as to what you mean by a "personal" car. If you could give me a further explanation, I will be able to determine whether or not such information can be provided. I do not want to speculate on what you mean and spend unnecessary time researching information.


With regard to your request, since this will take at least 2 to 3 hours of research, I would ask that you make a deposit of \$50 to cover the possible costs involved with research, copying and mailing. If that costs is in excess, we will refund the excess money. If we determine that the time spent in researching this matter would be more than \$50, we would expect full payment before releasing any documents to you and we would so advise you.

I therefore request that you forward a check payable to County of Macomb in the sum of \$50 to cover the cost of our initial research and copying of records.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


George E. Brumbaugh, Jr.
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